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Bogus IDs have met their match

with licenses, the more sophistication there is by youth (to find ways to alter them)," he said.

Stowers agreed and referred to a fake ID made by one of his wait-staff to show just how easy it can be.

"They're a little more clever today than when we were underage," he said.

Steve Goller, owner of Walpole Wine and Spirits, attended the session and offered several resources for proprietors to look into should they be interested in buying ID scanners and materials to aid in verification with out-of-state licenses.

"We've had scanners at our store for three years," said Goller.

Walpole Police School Resource Officer Tim Songin said he has seen parents buy alcohol for their kids during prom season and major holidays.

"When they do that they're encouraging underage drinking," said Songin.

Depending on funding and availability of officers, Walpole Police often rely on the "Cops and Shop" program to help bar and package store owners combat underage drinking.

In the program, two plain-clothes officers are assigned to a store. One waits in the parking lot to determine whether adults are buying for youths. The other stands inside looking for violations.

"It's easy for you to pass these compliance checks," said Bushway. "We're not out to trick you ... We're looking for abuse and whether there is a place known for (multiple) violations."

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the same one used by Stephen's. He boasts it is the most secure in the United States. Based in Westwood, the company has grown in large part because of the new Massachusetts license, Feyler said.

"We have gotten way, way past chalking, to the point where kids can replicate these IDs on their home computers," said Feyler. "They have even gotten so good that holograms and micro-print are now easily done."

According to Feyler, the new Massachusetts drivers license is one of the easiest for minors to replicate. One need only type "fake IDs" into an Internet search engine and find thousands of sites dedicated to this underground art form.

"The problem is that the consequences are real for us," said Monteiro. "We usually get one or two kids a day that come in here and try to buy, and some of the IDs that they are handing us are virtually undetectable."

"A lot of times, even if they are caught, the kid gets a slap on the wrist," said Monteiro. "I went to the Registry of Motor Vehicles with my concerns and they were baffled."

Waltham Police know about the problem, too, but finding and prosecuting individuals often is impossible because of false information on the fake IDs.

"We have a fair share of inci-

dents, and being a college town, of course that contributes," said Detective Sgt. Tim King.

"We haven't seen the major problems with the new Massachusetts IDs so far, but that is not saying they're not there," said Capt. Donald Russo.

"With new technology and new machines, it is important to remember that the human component is still needed. Someone needs to carefully compare the pictures on the license, as well as all the information on the card," said Russo.

Feyler contends something needs to be done about the Massachusetts license that would make it harder to reproduce.

"When this license came out two and a half years ago we cried out to the Registry. Now, this is going to be a pain in the neck for the next seven years," said Feyler.

More than 400 liquor store owners in Massachusetts alone already have invested in Feyler's system, and he said owners in other states have started investing.

"The problem is that the Massachusetts license is practically alter-resistant, but the easiest to replicate," said Feyler.

As long as Monteiro has his UVID machine, he said, he will feel better equipped against fake IDs.

"It's come to the point where it's either me or them, and I'm sorry. I am going to take every measure necessary," Monteiro said.

m officials focus on school plan

Lawlor last night mentioned two possible places for new tennis courts - between the pool and Mount Vernon Street, or at the back of the Stone Park parking lot at the back of Whitling Avenue.

removable seats in the cafeteria for wheelchair access and a sink in wheelchair-accessible bathroom stalls.

"For the most part, we anticipated most of their questions and they seemed pleased," Dore said.

administrator.

Lawlor said a resident spot on the committee will be filled by the next meeting, and applications already have been received.

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■ video games, watch television, go swimming and then do it all over again. Then I'll ride my bike," said Morse, 7, after finishing first-grade yesterday at the Greenlodge School.

Books were returned and lockers cleaned out as area schools finish up the 180-day school year this week. The last day in Dedham was yesterday, while Norwood kids go home after a half-day today. Walpole students finish on Friday, and Westwood takes a break Monday.

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elementary age children found they will visit places like Cape Cod, Martha's Vineyard, France, and Disney World this summer.

Alexis' Bernazzi, 7, who will start second grade in the fall at Greenlodge, is heading out of town.

"I'm going to a time-share," she said, though she was unable to remember exactly where.

Bernazzi also hopes to break in her new pool soon. "I can only touch the bottom with my tiptoes," she said.

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underage drinking yesterday that targeted the town's liquor license holders and their staff.

Stowers spoke of uniformed officers who often "make the rounds" to various establishments to ensure compliance.

Bushway spoke to many of the town's package store and bar owners about the consequences of selling alcohol to minors and police presence.

"It definitely has an impact," Stowers told Walpole Police Lt. Scott Bushway, following Bushway's information session on

By Erin Walsh
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WALPOLE — Glenn Stowers has seen his share of attempts at underage drinking as restaurateur of the popular Rte. 1 establishment Clyde's Roadhouse.

And according to Stowers, nothing is a more effective deterrent than regular police presence.

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the UVIDage verification system.

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Fake IDs have met their match

By Melissa Beacher
COURTESY OF THE DEDHAM POLICE DEPARTMENT

DEDHAM — Sorry, it's still illegal to sell alcohol to minors. But let me tell you, the fake IDs that they are coming in with are good," said Monetiro, co-owner of Monetiro Liquors on Main Street, and he is willing to back that up.

After being cited twice for selling alcohol to minors, Monetiro, along with his son, Michael, bought a \$19,000 system that not only scans and confirms bar codes, but also scans and confirms ID numbers. The system was developed by a Walpole high school student, Westwood company

best counterfeit licenses. "I am looking at losing my livelihood if I get caught selling to minors again. But let me tell you, the fake IDs that they are coming in with are good," said Monetiro.

Monetiro, 50, says the ID's are so good, in fact, that David Feyler has made him a business of protecting bars from counterfeiters.

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